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NIGHTLEAD PLOT (SCHEDULED)
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HAVANA, CUBA, JAN 27 (REUTERS) CUBA TODAY

ACCUSED PUERTO RICO AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC OF PLOTTING
AGAINST ITS GOVERNMENT AND SUPPLYING BASES FOR U.S.-
BACKED ATTACKS ON THE ISLAND BY CUBAN EXILES.

AN ARMED FORCES COMMUNIQUE ISSUED HERE FOLLOWING THE
MONDAY ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CAPTURE OF EXILE LEADER ELOY
GUTIERREZ MENOYO SAID THE "PRESIDENT OF SANTO DOMINGO"
AUTHORIZED EXPEDITIONS FROM PUNTA PRESIDENTE NEAR THE HAITIAN
BORDER AND OFFERED AIR AND SEA PROTECTION IF REQUIRED.

THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO SAID AN EXILE COMMUNICATION LINE
FOR MEN AND ARMS EXISTED BETWEEN FLORIDA AND PUNTA PRESIDENTE
VIA PLAYA JOYUDA IN PUERTO RICO.

IT SAID INTERROGATION OF MENOYO PROVED THAT AN ATTACK
LAST YEAR ON THE SPANISH SHIP SERRA DE ARANZAZU WAS PREPARED
BY A GROUP LED BY MANUEL ARMINES WORKING DIRECTLY AT THE
SERVICE OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FROM
BASES THE ORGANIZATION SET UP AT DIFFERENT POINTS IN THE
CARIBBEAN.

THE COMMUNIQUE CHARGED A DOMINICAN AIR COLONEL NAMED AS
JUAN FOLCH WAS ATTACHED TO THE PUNTA PRESIDENTE EXILE
BASE BY THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT.

IT CLAIMED THERE WERE NOW ABOUT 25 "MERCENARIES"
THERE WHO WERE TO HAVE INFILTRATED INTO CUBA IN GROUPS
OF FOUR BETWEEN JAN. 10 AND 20 BUT WERE PREVENTED
FROM DOING SO BY MENOYO'S CAPTURE WHEN RADIO CONTACT
WAS BROKEN OFF.
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IT SAID MENOYO AND THREE "ARMED ENEMY AGENTS" ALSO
CAPTURED HAD MADE COMPLETE CONFESSIONS. IT LISTED THE
NAMES OF THE OTHER 25.

IT SAID THEY HAD ASSEMBLED AN ARMORY THERE OF 300
POUNDS OF EXPLOSIVES, 20 ENGLISH ENFIELD RIFLES,
TWO MACHINES GUNS AND 30 OTHER GUNS AS WELL AS 25,000
CARTRIDGES.

ALL THESE WERE PURCHASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPLIED FURTHER ARMS, IT SAID.
FOR TRANSPORT THE COMMUNIQUE SAID THEY HAD A FAST LAUNCH.

IT CLAIMED MENOYO HAD WITH HIM A RADIO TRANSMITTER AND A
RECEIVER AND HIS GROUP HAD CLOSE CONTACT WITH A DOMINICAN
GENERAL NAMED AS ATTILA LUNA.

ONE EXILE GROUP WAITING TO LEAVE PLAYA JOYUDA FOR PUNTA
PRESIDENTE HAD THEIR HOUSE OCCUPIED AND EQUIPMENT SEIZED
BY PUERTO RICAN POLICE, IT SAID.

BUT IT ADDED THAT "AT THE INTERVENTION OF THE AUTHORITIES
OF THE COLONIAL PUERTO RICAN GOVERNMENT NO MEASURES WERE
TAKEN. THUS ALLOWING THE MERCENARIES TO LEAVE."